

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview:

The Idaho Board of Pharmacy's charge is to promote, preserve and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy. The agency is governed by a five member board appointed by the Governor consisting of four pharmacists and one public member who in turn employ an executive director to manage the everyday operations of the agency, who retired on 6/30/07, after 22 years of service. A new executive director was hired on 9/24/07. The board has a staff of twelve persons with the main office located in Boise. We have one compliance officer located in North Idaho, one in East Idaho and one in South Idaho. Our Chief Compliance Officer is located in Boise. We also employ a controlled substance investigator responsible for our Prescription Monitoring Program and investigations concerning controlled substances.

The key divisions of the board include compliance, regulation, licensing, customer service and controlled substance authority. The majority of funding for the board is generated through licensing with no monies appropriated from the General Fund. The earliest minutes for the board on record are from 1911; however the Board does possess a copy of Board of Pharmacy license No. 3 issued February 26, 1889 in Boise City, Idaho Territory.

If we continue to see an increase in our population along with the opening of new pharmacies and drug outlets our workload will no doubt reach the point of requiring additional staff.

The board maintains a web site allowing access to our code sections and rules at www.state.id.us/bop other information includes notices of continuing education, board minutes, board meetings, registration forms, and other information to licensees as well as the general public. A new feature allows for interactive license and registration on line verification.

The board offices are located at 3380 Americana Terrace, Ste 320 Boise, Idaho 83706 and can be reached by phone at 1-208-334-2356 or Fax 1-208-334-3536.

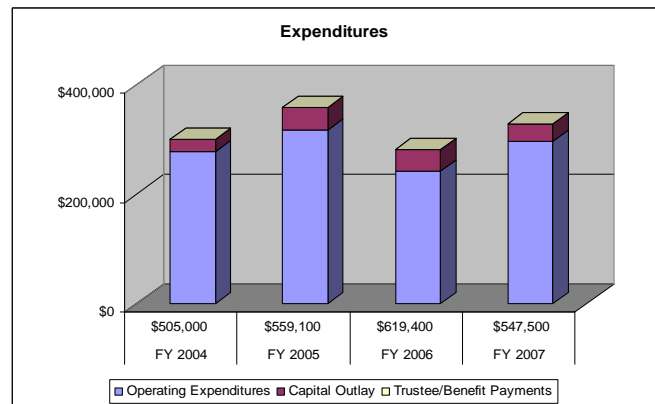
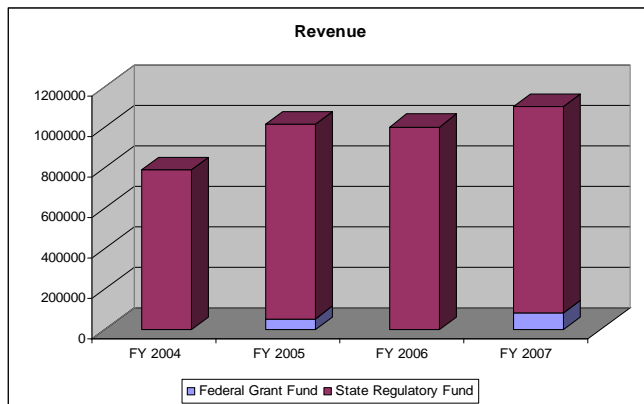
Core Functions/Idaho Code:

Pharmacy is considered a professional practice in the state of Idaho and thus merits and receives the confidence of the public and only qualified persons are permitted to engage in the practice of pharmacy. This is assured through required education, training, extern or internships and examination as well as continuing education to obtain and maintain licensure. The Board may also refuse to issue or renew, suspend, revoke or restrict licensure as set forth in Idaho Code. The Board also regulates and licenses all pharmacists and regulates and registers all pharmacy technicians and all drug outlets including retail, institutional, manufacturers, wholesalers, mail-service pharmacies, durable medical equipment outlets, non pharmacy drug outlets, and veterinary drug outlets. Title 54, Chapter 17

The Board is also responsible for the Uniform Controlled Substances Act and in that capacity registers all pharmacists, practitioners dispensing, administering, obtaining, selling or prescribing controlled substances as well as wholesalers'. Within this act the Board also has the responsibility for the scheduling of controlled substances. The Board maintains a Prescription Monitoring Program to track controlled substances in Schedules II thru IV for the purpose of assisting in identifying illegal activity related to the dispensing or obtaining of controlled substances and for the purpose of assisting the Board in providing information to patients, practitioners and pharmacists in avoiding inappropriate use of controlled substances. Title 37, Chapter 27

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Federal Grant Fund		\$53,200		\$82,800
State Regulatory Fund	\$789,800	\$961,500	\$1,002,900	\$1,019,800
Total	\$789,800	\$1,014,700	\$1,002,900	\$1,102,600
Expenditure	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personnel Costs	\$505,000	\$559,100	\$619,400	\$547,500
Operating Expenditures	\$278,800	\$317,700	\$242,800	\$297,000
Capital Outlay	\$21,400	\$41,000	\$39,800	\$32,200
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$805,200	\$917,800	\$902,000	\$876,700



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
License/Registrations issued	11,945	12,437	12,553	13,047
Disciplinary Action—Citations issued	30	34	26	14
Board Orders	20	18	18	27
Controlled substance prescriptions reptd	1,644,744	1,770,401	1,782,821	1,870,167
Patient profiles provided	9,180	11,667	7,274?	15,164
CE Presentations	18	16	12	unknown
Board meetings open to public	5	4	7	4

Performance Highlights:

Due to recent changes in software our licensing of registrants and outlets has become much more efficient. This has become of particular importance with the increasing numbers of licensees and registrations that are being handled by a very small staff.

Our controlled substance tracking program is a valuable tool for our registered practitioners. In the last three years the number of practitioners requesting information to assist them in the prescribing of controlled substances continues to increase. The Drug Tracking Program tracks nearly two million controlled substance prescriptions per year. Thanks to a grant from the Drug Enforcement Administration we were able to eliminate the cost of an outside vendor in FY 05 and now are able to receive prescription information directly from our pharmacies. This has increased the efficiency of the program by eliminating the time lag between prescription information being reported to a third party and the information being forwarded to us. With recent legislation passed we are now in the process of programming and implementing rules allowing 24/7 access to our controlled substance data base. This will be a distinct advantage for practitioners and pharmacists to obtain profiles during hours the board office is not open.

We extended a temporary rule that will bring pharmacy services to a remote location in Idaho by means of a telepharmacy. This was a joint effort by the board, the community, our Governor, legislators and Idaho Congressman. We are seeing more of our remote areas lose their community pharmacies and we hope this will be a means of providing our citizens to continue to have access to pharmacy services and needed medications.

We have now implemented the Multi Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam in lieu of a paper and pencil exam for our licensure candidates. The exam is available at secure sites across the country allowing our graduates to set their own exam dates as well as their examination site. It will also allow our reciprocity candidates to test at sites available near their current residence without the expense of traveling to the board office prior to moving to Idaho.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2004	2005	2006	2007	Benchmark
Maintain the standard for pharmacist licensure through the NABLEX	X	X	X	X	Continue the use of the nationally recognized exam for initial licensure. Provide seating at testing sites for license candidates
2. Continued use of the Multi Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam.			X	X	Eliminate the use of the paper and pencil exam. Provide and allow exam to be administered in different areas of the country for all licensure candidates. Continue to update exam on a annual basis.
3. Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) is maintained	X	X	X	X	Investigate any prescription fraud detected through program Implement rules allowing access by practitioners and pharmacists 24/7 Provide reports requested in a timely manner.
4. Monitor the standards and performance of Automated Pharmacy Systems.		X	X	X	Review the use of pilot projects for Telepharmacy. Review these systems in both the community and institutional settings. Assure only qualified personnel are involved in the dispensing of medications at these sites. All protocols are being met for the storage, packaging and dispensing of medications.
5. Standards for the electronic transmission of prescriptions	X	X	X	X	Review systems used the electronic transmission of prescriptions. Monitor the Drug Enforcements requirements for the electronic transmission of controlled substance. Review systems for security of patient information during transmission.

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